

Claims 15-26 are drawn to peptides of gp100, classified in Class 530, Subclass 328 (Group II). Claims 32-35 are drawn to nucleic acid sequences and vectors, classified in Class 536, Subclass 23.1+ (Group III). Claims 36-38, drawn to antibodies, classified in Class 530, Subclass 387.7 (Group IV).

The claims of Groups I, II and IV have all been assigned to class 530. Therefore Applicants believe it would not be unduly burdensome for the Examiner to simultaneously search the claims drawn to MART-1 peptides (Group I), the claims drawn to gp 100 peptides (Group II) and the claims drawn to antibodies (Group IV). Moreover, the nucleic acid sequences and vectors of the claims of Group III, (Claims 32-35) may be used to produce the peptides of the claims of Group I and II. Therefore, Applicants believe it would not be unduly burdensome for the Examiner to search Groups I-IV simultaneously. This response is made without prejudice to the filing of divisional applications directed to the subject matter of claims 1-14 (Group I), claims 32-35 (Group III), and claims 36-38 (Group IV).

AUTHORIZATION

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for this Amendment, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 2026-4124US1.

In the event that an extension of time is required or which may be required in addition to that requested in the petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this

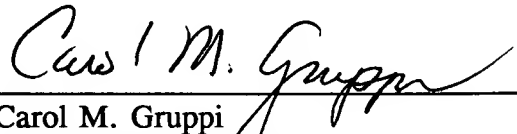
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response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 2026-4124US1. A DUPLICATE COPY OF THIS SHEET IS ATTACHED.

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